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as ordained ministers will appear in this directory.

MINUTES OF THE 65th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Coosa River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Blue Eye Baptist Church, Lincoln Alabama,
September 14, 15 and 16,

.....1898.....

OFFICERS:

J. B. GRAHAM, MODERATOR, Talladega, Ala.
G. A. JOINER, CLERK, Talladega, Ala.
J. F. POPE, TREASURER, Wilsonville, Ala.

The next session of this body will be held with the Wilsonville Baptist Church,
Wilsonville, Ala., commencing on Wednesday before the
third Sabbath in September, 1899.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known by the name of Coosa River Baptist Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of well-accredited messengers, appointed by regular Baptist Churches which are united in this union.

ART. III. Its meetings shall be annual.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected, by ballot or otherwise, at each session, and hold office till their successors are declared duly elected. Provided, that a non-election of the Treasurer shall not interfere with organization.

ART. V. The Association can no rule, but may advise the Churches. But it has a full right to reject the messengers of any Church not in order in faith or practice.

ART. VI. Petitions for membership must be by letter and one or more messengers, and the Association in each case is to judge on the question of reception.

ART. VII. Each Church of fifty members or less shall have three messengers, and one messenger for each fifty or fractional number over fifty.

ART. VIII. The Association is in full sympathy with the spirit and ready to correspond and co-operate with all regular Missionary Baptist organizations for the spread of the gospel and the extention of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; but a difference of opinion on these matters shall not necessarily involve the question of fellowship.

ART. IX. Churches composing this body will be expected to contribute to and sustain a contingent fund, which shall be deposited by the messengers, at each annual meeting, with the Finance Committee; and other contributions for benevolent purposes will be earnestly sought and fostered by the Association.

ART. X. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the Churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between Churches unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle it; then the Association shall take such matter into consideration and act upon it at its discretion.

ART. XI. This Constitution, or any article, may be amended or abolished, at a regular meeting, on the concurrence of a vote, by standing, of two-thirds of messengers present; provided, that such intended change is announced by the Moderator at least six hours before the action is taken.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

RULE 3. The names of the members shall be called each day before proceeding to business, and no member shall absent himself from the Association unless he have leave or be sick and unable to attend.

RULE 4. Visiting ministering brethren present shall be invited to seats in the Association.

RULE 5. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, preserve order, and appoint all committees with the sanction of the Association.

RULE 6. The Moderator may speak in debate on any question, appointing some other member to fill the chair temporarily, but shall not vote except in the case of a tie.

RULE 7. The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, subject to the appeal to the Association by any two members.

RULE 8. Every member when speaking shall rise from his seat, respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question before the body, and avoid personalities.

RULE 9. A motion made must be seconded and stated by the Moderator before debating; and every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator or any member desires it.

RULE 10. When a motion is stated by the Moderator it is in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment.

RULE 11. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, postpone indefinitely, commit or amend; which said motion shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated. But a motion to adjourn is always in order except when a member is speaking or the body engaged in voting.

RULE 12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, the Rules of Decorum, the reception or exclusion of churches, shall be decided by a majority of the votes; in the excepted cases two-thirds are required.

RULE 13. Filling blanks with particular numbers, the question shall first be taken on the highest number and longest time.

RULE 14. When a motion has once been decided a member voting with the majority may move for reconsideration on any day during the session.

RULE 15. No speaker shall be interrupted unless he be out of order, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition, without leave of the Association.

RULE 16. No practice shall be allowed which has a tendency to interrupt speaking or the business of the Association.

RULE 17. The appellation of "brother" shall be used by members in their addresses one to another.

RULE 18. The Clerk shall read these rules at the opening of every session of the Association.

RULE 19. Any member violating these rules shall be reprobated by the Moderator.

PROGRAM OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.—1. Devotional exercises.

2. Elect officers—Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Read Rules of Decorum.
4. Invite Churches to unite with our Association.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
6. Call for correspondence from Associations.
7. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
8. Appoint committee to pro rate among the Churches amount asked for by State Mission Board for all objects.
9. Appoint committee to nominate the time and place of next meeting, principal and alternate to preach next Introductory and Missionary Sermons.

10. Report on Periodicals and Literature.

11. Report on Temperance.
12. Report on Sabbath schools.
13. Fix hours to meet and adjourn.
14. Miscellaneous business. 15. Adjourn.

SECOND DAY.—16. Devotional exercises.

17. Read minutes and call roll of messengers.
18. Miscellaneous business.
19. Report on State Missions.
20. Report on Home Missions.
21. Report on Foreign Missions.
22. Report of Committee on Colportage and Bible Work.
23. Report on Baptist Orphanage.
24. Report on Ministerial Education.
25. Report on Denominational Education.
26. Miscellaneous business. 27. Adjourn.

THIRD DAY.—28. Devotional exercises.

29. Read minutes and call roll of messengers.
30. Miscellaneous business.
31. Report of Committee to pro rate Contributions of Churches.
32. Report of Committee on Evangelization of Colored People.
33. Report of Committee on Woman's Work.
34. Report of Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
35. Report of Executive Committee of Association.
36. Elect Executive Committee of Association.
37. Elect Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
38. Return correspondence to Associations: Shelby, Cahaba Valley, Boiling Springs, Carey, Canaan, Central, Tallahatchie, Ten Islands, Unity and Calhoun.
39. Appoint delegates to Baptist State Convention, (nine).
40. Appoint delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, (one).
41. Report of Committee on Finance.
42. Report of Treasurer to Association.
43. Call for report of Committee on Nominations.
44. Order Clerk's salary paid and minutes printed.
45. Appoint committees to report at next session: On State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Denominational Education, Temperance, Sabbath schools, Colportage and Bible Work, Evangelization of the Colored People, Periodicals and Literature, Woman's Work and Orphanage.
46. Miscellaneous business.
47. Read minutes of this day's session. 48. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

LINCOLN, TALLADEGA CO., ALA.,

Wednesday, September 14, 1898.

Messengers to compose the sixty-fifth annual session of the Coosa River Baptist Association met with the Blue Eye Baptist Church at 10 o'clock A. M. The body was called to order by Lealis Law, Moderator, by reading the 17th chapter of John. Prayer by J. M. Solley.

Devotional exercises for 30 minutes conducted by J. G. Lowrey.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by T. M. Callaway, from Nehemiah 13:24.

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, September 14, 1:30 P. M.

Association called to order. Devotional exercises conducted by W. C. Bledsoe.

Names of Messengers enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

ANTIOCH—E. A. Aderholdt.

MUNFORD—G. C. Wright.

IRONATON—D. W. Shaddix, J. B. Patterson and G. A. Vise.

SALEM—Eli Horn.

REFUGE—W. M. Hall, J. W. Burton, J. W. Hackney, J. A. Poe and M. C. Cunningham.

BLUE EYE—James Embry, T. W. Moon, J. L. Hitt, J. F. Thomas and H. S. Glidewell.

LINCOLN—T. K. Trotter, J. L. Law, Jas. H. Davis, F. B. Lanier and E. D. Acker.

DRY VALLEY—J. W. McCain, J. B. Whitten, W. B. Knox and J. N. L. Nelson.

PLEASANT GROVE—S. C. Beavers, S. B. Elliott, E. E. Cline and L. P. Bigby.

PROVIDENCE, (Tall. Co.)—Isaac A. Adams and George Cooley.
TALLADEGA—T. M. Callaway, J. B. Graham, S. P. Burns, P. S.
Willams, J. H. Donahoo and G. A. Joiner.

SECOND DISTRICT.

RENFROE—F. G. Mullen.
HEPBURN—W. A. Hawkins, A. F. Jones and C. B. Merkl.
CARTERSVILLE—J. H. Sisk and W. P. Davidson.
ALPINE—A. A. Hutto and J. M. Hancock.
WINTERBOURNE—J. T. Blair.
MT. IDA—Joseph Royster.
TALLASAHATCHIE—W. H. Glazener.
SYCAMORE—J. M. Solley, P. B. Workman and J. W. Davis.
PILGRIM'S REST—John Smelley, Floyd Smelley and Jesse Matson.
ROCKY MOUNT—Letter. No messengers.
MT. ZION—C. S. Johnson, J. L. Wilkes and T. R. Morris.
OAK GROVE—Not represented.

THIRD DISTRICT.

FAYETTEVILLE—G. S. Ham.
MT. SHARON—Not represented.
CHILDESBURG—Letter; no messenger.
NEW HOPE—A. J. Worthy and J. T. Reese.
WILSONVILLE—A. E. Burns, W. T. Smith, T. V. Neal and W. J.
Waldon.
HARPERSVILLE—R. M. Borum.
PROVIDENCE, (Shelby Co.)—Not represented.
SPRING CREEK—R. A. Kidd, J. H. McElvey and E. C. Lide.
MACEDONIA—George Brown and J. T. Wilder.
COOSA VALLEY—J. A. Collins, R. M. Clayton, J. B. Davis, D. F.
Funderburg, J. K. Jones and R. S. Jones.
CROPWELL—Lealis Law.
SEDDON—J. D. Truss and J. W. Thackerson.
RIVERSIDE—W. L. Loyd.

Letters from the churches read by C. S. Johnson, J.
L. Wilkes and John H. Donahoo.

Official visitors :

W. C. Bledsoe, representing State Mission Board.
J. A. Howard, representing Alabama Baptist.
J. L. Wilkes, representing Orphans' Home.
J. G. Lowrey, representing Institute Work.

Correspondents :

I. N. Langston, Pea River Association.

W. P. Lovell, Cahaba Valley Association.

J. G. Lowrey and W. B. Carter, Birmingham Association.

J. E. Barnard, Calhoun Association.

Visiting ministers :

P. M. Jones, Anniston.

W. A. McCain, East Lake.

C. J. Pike, Easonville.

B. B. Nunnelley, Calhoun Association.

Motion to go into election of officers adopted.

Lealis Law, in a few well-chosen and feeling remarks declined a re-election as Moderator, basing his declination upon the ground of physical infirmities.

The following officers were then elected by acclamation :

JOSEPH B. GRAHAM, Moderator.

GEORGE A. JOINER, Clerk.

J. F. POPE, Treasurer.

W. T. Smith elected Treasurer pro tem on account of the absence of the Treasurer elect.

Motion made and adopted unanimously by a rising vote tendering the thanks of this body to the retiring Moderator, Lealis Law, for his faithful discharge of duty, and expressing the tenderest love and sympathy for him in his present afflictions.

Program of Business of last session adopted.

The Committee on Periodicals and Literature reported :

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE.

We are living in an age where books and papers exercise a strong influence on the human mind. But there are good books and papers, and there are bad books and bad papers. The former are a fruitful source of great good, so bad books and papers are fountains from which spring evils. Ambitious and inquisitive minds must and will have something to read and as it is the mission of Christianity to do all the good possible and to avoid evil, it is the solemn sense of your committee that it is a religious, personal and denominational obligation laid upon us that we use our personal and co-operative influence, and make every effort to shut up every source or method that supplies our people with corrupt and corrupting literature in the form of bad books, corrupt newspapers, or magazines, or obscene pictures, and that we should pledge ourselves to use all our energies and put forth our best efforts in the dissemination of pure, wholesome literature in our own households and those of our neighbors.

The publications of our denomination are of a high order and merit the patronage of our people. The Alabama Baptist, under the management of Bro. J. G. Harris, published at Montgomery, Ala.; our Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and our Sunday school literature, published at Nashville, Tenn., should be welcome visitors in every family of our Association.

There is no denying the fact that the moulding power of good literature and periodicals, when blessed by the Lord, can not be overestimated, and that it becomes the sacred duty of parents to furnish good, wholesome literature for their children.

Your committee earnestly recommends to the patronage of every member of a church within our Association the use of our own literature and periodicals in our Sunday schools, which would prone to fill so well a long-felt need. Respectfully,

LEOPOLD MERKL, Chairman.

Discussed by L. Law, J. G. Lowrey and adopted.

Special committees appointed :

PREACHING—E. D. Acker, J. L. Wilkes, R. M. Borum and J. M. Solley.

PROSTATE—G. S. Ham, D. F. Funderburg and Eli Horn.

NOMINATIONS—W. T. Smith, P. S. Williams and S. C. Beavers.

FINANCE—S. P. Burns, P. B. Workman and W. J. Weldon.

The Committee on Sunday schools reported :

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

So much has been said and written upon this great work, and by many of the most learned and deeply pious Christians of the world, both male and female, and such have been its wonderful and blessed results, that no further proof is needed to demonstrate the fact that it emanated from Heaven, and that of all the institutions ordained of God to bless and Christianize the world, the cause of Sabbath schools in its importance is secondary only to that of preaching the gospel. "Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do all the words of the law." These were among the last words spoken by Moses, the servant of God. In his brilliant career as lawgiver of the Children of Israel, he never failed to command his brethren to attend strictly to the religious education of the children, but it assumes a much higher significance when we remember that he uttered this solemn injunction just before he ascended Mount Nebo and upon the eve of his death. His Christian example should prompt us as professed followers of Christ to be faithful workers in the Sunday school, for Christian men and women have largely themselves to blame for worldly men's unfavorable opinion.

We ought so to take our part in all that affects our fellow men's good as that they will per force recognize the worth of our characters, even if they have no sympathy with our Christianity.

We feel that there is no better place to do this than in the Sunday school, for it has well been said that the Sunday school is the church at work.

We are commanded to search the scriptures, which, through faith, are apt to make us wise unto salvation, and what institution of

learning can we attend that affords greater facilities to acquire a knowledge of the word of God and of what we must do to be saved than a well conducted Sunday school? The lessons here taught, the sacred truths here imparted, will be a means under God of bringing up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in training them in the way in which they should go.

The Sunday school is properly the Bible school of the church, where gospel truths are explained and the salvation of all who come within its reach is earnestly sought. No duty is more binding on parents, especially Christian parents, than to see personally to the religious instruction of their children and avail themselves of all supplementary aid to home culture, such as the Sunday school so generously affords.

The youthful mind, as it begins to develop, will become engrossed in worldly affairs to the utter neglect of his soul's salvation unless such religious influences are brought to bear upon him. It is a fact that nine-tenths of professing Christians make a profession of faith before they reach the meridian of life and that after that time few are persuaded to embrace it.

G. S. HAM.

The above report was amended by adding the following, introduced by E. D. Acker:

RESOLVED, by the Coosa River Association, That we consider the teaching of God's word by His believing children to the unconverted world and to the uninstructed members of the church as a part of the church's work, and as such, worthy of the work and purses of God's people; that we request pastors of churches in this Association to preach, at least, one sermon on this important work to every church under their charge during the coming Associational year; that the clerks of churches are requested, under the head of remarks, to state in their next letters to our Association how many times their pastors have preached on this work during the year; that each church in the Association is earnestly requested to make regular contributions for the work of our Sabbath School Board; that the clerk of this Association is instructed to have blank associational letters, in conformity to this resolution, prepared and furnished to the churches for the next meeting of our Association.

E. D. ACKER.

The report as amended was discussed by G. S. Ham, E. D. Acker, E. A. Aderholdt, and adopted.

Upon motion, the regular order was suspended and the following report from the President of the Sunday School Board was received:

To the Coosa River Baptist Association:

MY DEAR BRETHREN—I can assure you that it was quite a disappointment to me when I learned only a day or so ago that it would be impossible for me to meet with you at this session of the Association. I had looked forward with so much pleasure; anticipating a renewal of blessings and benefits derived from last year's Association, and then too, you had honored me by placing me upon one of the most important boards of our Association. For this, as well as other reasons, I wanted to be present with you, and in person

give an account of our stewardship and the small part I have been able to take in the work during the past year, but thank the Lord, and the other brethren of the Sunday School Board, the work went on, and on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, 1898, was organized The Baptist Sunday School Convention of the Coosa River Baptist Association. The meeting was held with Pleasant Grove Church, and was acknowledged to be a good and profitable meeting by all who attended. There were fifteen Sunday schools represented, by about thirty delegates. For particulars of this meeting we refer you to the minutes of the Convention.

In conclusion, I wish to say that there was a fund started in order that the purpose and letter of The Sabbath School Board might be carried out, and I am sure the dear brethren who have this fund in charge will do all in their power to get at the needs in the field and supply the necessary literature from time to time. To some our beginning along this line of Sabbath school work may seem small and insignificant; to us it seems small when we look squarely in the face of our magnificent opportunities along this line. But brethren, let us not become discouraged in this, or along any other line of Christian work, remembering that great things can not be accomplished in a year, or even several years; sometimes it takes the patient work of a life time; either we have to lay down the armour with a sigh, feeling oftentimes that our toilings have been in vain. Truth is, the city we are building on is of such immense proportion, that with our feeble faith we are unable to see what we've accomplished until we get on the other side of the wall.

The other members of The Board who are so fortunate as to be with you will, I trust supplement this feeble effort of mine along this line, making our report more complete and satisfactory. Praying God that you may have a successful and profitable meeting, and praying your petitions and sympathy in my behalf, I am,

Your brother,

JAS. H. HAYDEN,
Chairman Sabbath School Board.

Verbal reports were made by E. D. Acker, Vice President of the First District, and D. F. Funderburg, Vice President, of the Third District.

The report was then discussed by E. D. Acker, J. M. Solley, A. A. Hutto, Eli Horn and adopted.

Agreed to meet at 9 A. M.; adjourn at 12 M.; re-convene at 1:30; adjourn at 4; and if night services are held, meet at 7:30, adjourn at pleasure.

Committee on Preaching reported that J. G. Lowrey would preach at Lincoln Baptist Church at 7:30 this evening.

Adourned to 9:30 A. M., Thursday, September 15, 1898. Prayer by F. G. Mullen.

THURSDAY, September 15, 1898, 9 A. M.

Association called to order. Devotional exercises conducted by R. A. Kidd. Minutes read and approved.
Committee on Temperance reported:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Coosa River Baptist Association.

To redeem the intemperate and to prevent contagion of the habit to those not already fallen, has been the labor of a Christian world, the theme of the moralist and the work of organized temperance effort from century to century of time, and yet, the evil has become so magnified and the habit so extended to new fields, its infection so broadened that, today, fortified, as it is, by the protection and the encouragement of the law, condoned, as it is, by popular sentiment, tolerated, as it is, by the church, permitted, as it is, by the apathy of an indifferent world, intemperance has gained such a hold upon our social, political and religious institutions, that nothing but the most radical and pronounced change in public sentiment, condemning it, can forestall.

It is true that there have been some marked and some exceptional changes for good among special classes and special callings of our population. It is true that there are instances where temperance has made, even, accelerated gains in number, but in almost every instance that can be named, the advance of the cause is due to extraneous influences rather than to any moral growth or moral development in the subject, or to any moral influence upon others that these changes produce.

Our agricultural people, as a class, have grown to be temperate in habit, but this change in their condition is owing to that isolation from the world that, in turn, is due to the poverty of their surroundings. This growth has developed in proportion as segregation has destroyed those social amenities that once gave character and credit to the indulgencies of our rural population. The farmer of today leads a temperate life, but it is the result, merely, of circumstances. Behind it we find no moral force, no moral sentiment, no moral influence. We find nothing of that spirit of altruism that lifts us to a more exalted precept.

Another large and deserving element of our population have come to be temperate, but the exigences and the demands of a business world have forced sobriety upon the millions who live by the daily wages of labor; but these restricting influences of self-interest attempt nothing higher nor holier than the mere advancement of secular gains on the one part, and the mere self-gratification on the other, of those who seek employment. In this temperance is a mere result and possesses none of those virtues that are within themselves spontaneous. Again—The great commercial and manufacturing world are temperate as a class, but so far from supporting temperance effort for the cause, they encourage trusts and combinations, they foster monopolies, they speculate on public necessity, they legislate in the interest of corporate power, and give no heed to morality or its counterpart.

The church of Christ, within the scope of its legitimate influence is, necessarily, a factor in the promotion of temperance ethics, but, non-secular, as it is, in its mission, and spiritual, only, as

it is, in its beneficence, it exerts and should exert but little influence beyond the pale of its sanctuary. It can not offer precept to those who will not listen to its teachings; it can not offer example to those who will not follow; it need not offer Christ unto those who cry out "Give us Barabbas," and to go beyond the proper influence of its calling and creation, and to attempt more than this, is to impair its dignity without a single compensating good.

Christian religion, in its very essentials, is non-aggressive, and while it is a power for good to those who come within the limits of its influence, yet, it may become a power for evil when its olive branch is changed for the sword of moral conquest.

The Lowly Man of Galilee relied upon nothing except the persuasive influence of his divine eloquence. Omnipotent! and yet, a very beggar in His efforts to instil a new dispensation into the hearts of the Jewish people.

These are the forces depended upon to redeem a world lost in dissipation; these are the means relied on to protect those who are yet innocent, and we might hope for a measure of good resulting from example alone, if we halted at apathy, if we were merely indifferent to the cause of temperance. Self-interest, however, drifts us beyond these conditions. We who are habitually temperate, we who profess to advocate temperance, vote to sustain the whiskey traffic for the sake of the revenue it brings us, propose to limit or prevent the use of stimulants by creating for the whiskey interest a monopoly in its sale and manufacture. We place inebriates in position to make and to execute the laws that govern as society yields. The church grows more and more tolerant, and yet we wonder at the encroachments of intemperance.

While the fiat of the law may be the means ultimately employed to suppress or to destroy this evil, yet, we must go deeper into the subject than this; we must build up a popular sentiment that will demand prohibitive legislation, and to do that we must go still deeper and reform the individual voter, and herein lies the promise of universal temperance.

We must not depend upon a precept that advises temperance life or temperance reformation; we must not satisfy the demands upon us by mere example, but if we hope to build up a sentiment that will dictate legal intolerance we must make the subject a supreme motive, and make the moral support of temperance a paramount consideration.

It may be that, in our poverty, we find relief from the revenue the whiskey tax saves us; it may be that we are infatuated by that sentiment of socialism that persists or demands the most extended liberty of action; it may be that we are fettered by party obligation or blinded by political sophistries, but what ever the reasons or excuses may be for our action, we must divorce the one and cling to the other. We can not support the whiskey traffic and at the same time hope for temperance reformation.

The law stimulates the whiskey interest while morality submits to every demand that policy creates. Religion extends a helping hand only to those who shelter beneath the cross, and until temperance ethics take a salient place in our political, social and religious efforts, we may expect no progress in the work before us.

This is the task, and a Christian world is the dependance for its execution. It is a work that will require patience and persistence in effort, devotion to purpose and constancy to principles.

Intemperance is the foe that we must do battle with. It is en-

trenched amid the fastnesses of wealth, of power, of political and social station. Its growth and its development are accelerated when it has the greatest power of infection. We find it holding higher and higher carnival amid those who are hedged in by wealth. We find it regaling itself amid the halls and lobbies of our national and state legislatures. We find it reeking amid the slums of our Metropolis. We find it hand in hand with the rich, the powerful, the abandoned. We find it above and beyond the influence of law, morality, religion. We find it beyond the height and the depth of any power that dares molest it, except that of a pronounced public sentiment forbidding it, and until we, as a Christian people, looking to a true Christian development, looking to a higher and higher moral attainment, looking to a true consummation of social ethics; until we abandon these policies that promote intemperance; until we array ourselves against the immunity of wealth and the privileges of station and the arrogance of political power; until we raise legislation to a higher moral plane by an enlightened and self-sacrificing popular sentiment, we can never hope to create for ourselves a new world in al' that temperance reformation implies.

As a people we claim to be Christian, and yet we profit by this grossest of all immoralities. As a government we boast of our humanitarianism, and yet we not only encourage but we grow rich upon the most degrading, the most degenerating of all vices. We arm against despotism in countries that are not only foreign to us in nationality, but that are alien to us in customs and in religion. We bear a new political dispensation to the oppressed of the world. We give liberty to those in bondage. We carry the gospel of Christ to the heathen of other lands, and yet, we are impatient to deal with a habit in our own midst that is blighting our social, moral and religious-existence.

PHILANDER MORGAN,
Chairman Committee.

Discussed by J. G. Lowrey, T. M. Callaway, A. A. Hutto, F. G. Mullen, P. M. Jones, T. K. Trotter and adopted.

Motion made and adopted to request the Alabama Baptist to publish this report.

Committee on Preaching reported that A. E. Burns would preach the annual missionary sermon in this house at 11 A. M.; that C. S. Johnson would preach at Lincoln Baptist Church at 7:30 P. M., and that R. A. Kidd would preach at Dry Valley Baptist Church at same hour.

The following resolution was adopted :

RESOLVED, That the chairman of each topic shall be allowed fifteen minutes to read and discuss his paper; all other debators five minutes; visiting brethren, representing Baptist enterprises, twenty minutes, or longer, if they wish.
E. HORN.

Committee on State Missions reported :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Assuming that the duty of your Committee on State Missions is to report the progress of the work, the condition and the needs of our State Mission Board, we submit the following:

The Board employed the last conventional year 17 persons, who did 3,536 days' service, traveled 23,747 miles, delivered 1,831 sermons, 533 addresses, constituted five churches, baptized 335, organized eight Sunday schools and four Ladies' Missionary Societies, held 246 prayer meetings, visited 684 churches, obtained 322 subscriptions to denominational papers, distributed 40,000 tracts, collected for missions \$4,449.17 and for Orphanage \$228.81, and gave away 150 Bibles. The Board has about the same number of persons this year in the field. We can not report their work, as the convention year has not closed.

The Board had a set of noble men in the field, who did their work well, and up to the first of September last year, it had bright prospects of going to the Convention with all former obligations liquidated and all current debts paid, but at this time the appearance of yellow fever and the rigid quarantine so obstructed the thoroughfares of commerce and travel that our secretary and evangelists could not attend the associations. All this resulted in forcing our Board to the Convention with an indebtedness of \$6,250.29, distributed as follows:

Department of State Missions proper	\$1,573.36
American Baptist Publication Society	415.12
S. S. Board of Southern Baptist Convention	1,061.81
Greensboro Church	<u>3,200.00</u>
Total	\$6,250.29

Admonished by these figures and other circumstances, the last Convention, through the advice of the Corresponding Secretary and Mission Board, adopted every possible means of curtailing the running expenses of the Board. The services of Office Secretary were dispensed with; traveling expenses reduced to \$300; the publication of the State Mission Journal discontinued, and the handling of Sunday school literature by the State Mission Board was discontinued. By thus lopping off expenses, it was thought \$1,000 annually would be saved to the legitimate use of the board, the work of which Board, henceforth, is to be mainly in the interest of Missions, and all other efforts to be made subsidiary thereto.

It will be seen from the above, and also from the frequent calls and pathetic pleadings of our laborious and consecrated Secretary, that our State Mission Board is sadly in need of funds to lift its indebtedness and carry on the work assigned to it. It is about two months till the close of the convention year and the assembling of the Convention at Opelika. May the Lord incline the churches to make liberal contributions these two months, that our Board may preserve its honor by cancelling all its debts, or at least, greatly minimize them. The Board was never in greater need.

Our last State Convention organized an Institute Board for the purpose of training and preparing for ministerial work such ministers as have not access to our colleges and seminary. As this was done since the last convocation of this body, it is perhaps the duty of your Committee on State Missions to report the progress and status of the Institute work. We deem this an important and necessary work. More than 850 of the 1,000 white Baptist preachers in the

State have not been reached by the schools and Seminary, nor have the schools and Seminary the means of reaching them. They must be reached by the Board, or go unhelped. With its headquarters at Auburn, and Rev. G. S. Anderson, Corresponding Secretary, the Board is succeeding fairly well. Ten Institutes in different parts of the State have been held during the year. They are received in great favor in the communities in which they are held, and highly valued by the preachers who attend the meetings. Besides the Institutes held, sixty-six ministers have enrolled for the Correspondence Course, and 2,000 copies of The Sermonizer are published monthly. "The work is reaching," says the Secretary, "every part of the State, and the brethren enlisted in the work are constantly advancing in usefulness." This Board asks the denomination for \$2,000 with which to prosecute the work during the year. We hope this Association will respond with its pro rata of this sum.

C. S. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Committee on Home Missions reported :

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee would submit the following report on Home Missions:

The urgency, diversity and magnitude of the work of Christian missions in our home land can best be understood by looking at the different elements which compose our population, and the influences which affect the efforts of our churches. These different elements in our population have necessitated a division of Christian work into two heads—pastoral and evangelistic. To Christianize that element which can not be reached in pastoral work, is the aim of our Home Mission work. Jesus in his parting words told his disciples to proclaim repentance and remission of sin to every creature in His name among all nations. The burning question for us to consider is not what Christ's commands meant to generations in the past, nor what they meant to generations yet to come, but what is the meaning of them for us. Have we fully realized that Christ's command means every creature in every generation, and that our part in fulfilling it is not done, nor our measure of obedience rendered till we have done our full part toward evangelizing every creature in our generation? Shall we not work and pray and expect results on this basis? We have great reason to rejoice because of what has been done and what is being done by our Home Board. Much more might be done if our Baptist host could be aroused from their lethargy and push the work with consecrated and intensified energy. The happy termination of the late war but increases our responsibilities as a missionary people. To this end we would suggest that the churches composing this Association be requested at an early date to hold a mass meeting in the interest of Home Missions, and raise by cash or pledges money to aid in this great work, and that a report of same be made to our Home Board, and that our pastors be requested to preach at least two sermons in the interest of Home Missions during the associational year.

R. A. KIDD, Chairman.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported :

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Every intelligent Baptist understands that the field in which we are to labor for the Master is the world. This field is divided into different sections in order that we may the better carry on the work of missions, hence we speak of Home Missions, of State Missions, of Foreign Missions, each of these being but parts of one stupendous whole.

We are pleased to note in regard to our foreign work some hopeful results, at the same time it must be confessed that there are some discouraging features.

During the last conventional year there were 701 baptisms, while during the year preceding there were 660.

Our Southern missionaries are working in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico and Brazil. There are 4,760 Christians in fellowship with our churches in these lands. Seven churches in Mexico are reported as entirely self-supporting, likewise several also in China.

The sum of \$6,556.76 was contributed last year on the foreign field by our missionaries and the native Christians.

These facts will give you some idea as to the nature of the work that it is doing, as well as the character of the Christians, in our foreign field.

The total receipts for the past year of the Foreign Mission Board were \$124,249.69, while the year preceding the amount was \$125,681.99. While there was a slight falling off in the contributions last year from the year before, by going back a number of years we see that there has been a steady progress. In 1877 we had 16 missionaries and 32 native assistants, and contributions for the year were \$32,276.00.

In 1887 we had 116 missionaries and native helpers, and contributions for the work by our churches amounted to \$80,830.53.

The last report of our Foreign Board shows that there are now on the field 76 missionaries and 117 native helpers, while the year preceding there were 80 missionaries and 110 native helpers.

There was great rejoicing at our last Convention when it was reported that the heavy debt which had been hanging over the Board, the interest of which was more than \$2,000 per annum, had been entirely removed.

The Woman's Missionary Union reported at the last Convention the sum of \$21,633.51 raised for Foreign Missions last year.

The Sunday School Board sent to the Foreign Board \$1,700 as a result of Missionary Day in our Sunday schools.

What have the Baptists of Alabama done toward this great work of Foreign Missions? Our Baptists constituency in Alabama, consisting of 1,739 churches, and 124,751 members, gave during the conventional year of 1896-7 the sum of \$6,563.29, and in 1897-8, \$5,950.74, which is less than five cents per capita.

It is a well-known fact that, while there are always a faithful few who are liberal in their contributions, many members in our Baptist churches do not contribute anything whatever to the mission cause. Those who fail to give would resent being called anti-missionaries, yet their conduct, to say the least, brands them as indifferent missionaries.

We would urge the pastors to impress the thought more and more upon their churches that the field is the world, that the Foreign Work is just as important as the Home Work, and that God's people are to be witnesses of Him not only in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, but even unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,
T. M. CALLAWAY, Chairman.

Committee on Bible and Colportage Work reported:

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

The brotherhood seems to have lost interest in the Bible and Colportage Work, judging from the contributions that come up from the churches. When it became a department of the State Board of Missions, it was thought it would take on new life. The Bible is pre-eminently a Baptist book. The best way to make Baptists is to get the people to read the Bible, therefore Baptists should be interested in spreading the Bible. It contains the great plan of salvation, it points out to man his sins and gives him a remedy. The Bible goes hand in hand with the great mission work, indeed there could be no mission work without the Bible. It seems to your committee that it would be a good plan for all the missionaries in the State to be furnished with Bibles and tracts and as they go preaching the word, see that every home they enter is furnished with a Bible, and let the pastors bring this matter before their churches and take up special collection for the work.

Respectfully submitted,
F. G. MULLEN.

The above reports were discussed by W. C. Bledsoe. Pending this discussion, the hour for preaching the Annual Missionary Sermon arrived. This sermon was preached by A. E. Burns, using as a text 2d Samuel 5: 24.

Public collection for missions, \$16.22. Adjourned to 1:30 P. M. Prayer by W. C. Bledsoe.

THURSDAY, September 15, 1:30 P. M.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises conducted by I. N. Langston. Discussion of Mission and Bible and Colportage reports resumed. Discussed by W. C. Bledsoe, J. G. Lowrey, R. A. Kidd, T. M. Callaway, F. G. Mullen, A. A. Hutto, A. E. Burns, G. A. Joiner, J. A. Howard and separately adopted.

J. T. Wilder granted leave of absence.

Committee on Orphanage reported:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

It is a fact that in all the ages of the past infidelity has never been instrumental in establishing a home for the destitute and help-

less. Orphans' homes, insane asylums and charity hospitals are the outgrowth of the glorious system inaugurated in this earth by the "Man of Galilee." Civil states and great benevolent orders have established and are now maintaining many noble and grand eleemosynary institutions, but all these spring from Christian influences and Christian civilization. It is manifestly the privilege and duty of followers of Jesus Christ to practice charity and succor the helpless. Our Blessed Master said while on earth "inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto me." The Baptists of Alabama have now a home for the orphans at Evergreen. The Financial Secretary in a recent communication to the Alabama Baptist says: "We have had four accessions in the last few days, making our total number 94. We have sent out 41, leaving 53 in our family now. Our current expenses now will not fall far short of \$10 a day. We owe about \$800, which we must pay by October 15th if we are to dedicate the Home free of debt October 20th. With what we shall need for our daily expenses till then we shall need \$1,000 between now and October 15th. Brethren; see to it that your association, church, Sunday School and mission society sends us a contribution at once." Your committee notes with pleasure from the reading of the letters from the churches that the Orphanage is taking hold upon the hearts of our people. Many of the churches report contributions to this noble enterprise. Every church should consider it a privilege to contribute, and we urge upon each and every church within the bounds of this Association to respond to the appeal of the Financial Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. JOINER, Chairman.

Discussed by J. L. Wilkes, F. G. Mullen, W. T. Smith, J. G. Lowrey, I. N. Langston, A. E. Burns, L. M. Madden and adopted.

The following pledges were given for the Orphans' Home :

PLEDGES FOR ORPHANS' HOME.

Antioch	\$ 2 00	Munford	\$ 1.00
Refugee	2.00	Blue Eye	5.00
Lincoln	5.00	Dry Valley	2.00
Talladega	25.00	Renfroe	1.00
Hepzibah	2.00	Cartersville	1.00
Alpine	2.50	Tallasahatchie	5.00
Pilgrim's Rest	1.00	New Hope	1.00
Pleasant Grove	4.00	Providence, Tall. Co	2 00
Spring Creek	2.50	Coosa Valley	5.00
Riverside	1.00	J. L. Wilkes	5.00
Mrs. S. A. Fluker	5.00	B. Y. P. U. of Sylacauga,	5.00
G. S. Ham, (Paid)	5.00	P. B. Workman, (Paid)	2.00
J. M. Hancock, (Paid)	2.00	J.C. Hollingsworth,(Pd.)	1.00
Cash	2.12		

Committee on Evangelization of Colored People reported :

REPORT ON EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

The evangelization of the colored people is a duty immediately at the door of the Southern people. They are here among us and let us hope for their benefit and salvation. We know their peculiarities and idiosyncrasies, and for this reason are better prepared to do them service than any other people. The State Board had an agent in the field some years ago for this special mission, but it is a matter of much regret that the falling off in contributions made it necessary to discontinue his services. They are a very impressionable race and susceptible of a higher degree of development. They are devotional by nature and religious teachers find them ready hearers. If there is any organized effort being made just now by the Board your committee has not been able to get the information. We think some special effort should be made to educate their ministry and develop in them a higher moral tone. Much improvement is to be noted along this line in the last few years. Rev. Booth, a colored man sent by the Northern Home Board and Rev. McAlpine, educated by our beloved Renfroe, and employed by our State Board did a grand and permanent work a few years ago among the colored ministry. They are both splendid specimens of cultured, Christian manhood, and demonstrate what may be accomplished, as well as point out our duty along these lines. I have often thought in watching Rev. McAlpine's career that probably this is the brightest jewel in the brilliant crown that our Renfroe wears today. Around this question clusters the material as well as the social development of the South. So long as the colored people remain ignorant and unchaste and vicious, just so long will they be a moral incubus upon the body politic. A man can not rise higher than his surroundings, so the intellectual, social and Christian standard of the South must always be lowered by this dead weight. They are here, and they are here to stay. We need them and they need us. So, brethren, if there were no higher incentive than material progress, it is our interest and our duty to evangelize the colored people.

S. W. WELCH, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Committee on nominations reported :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee submit the following nominations:

That the next session of the body be held with Wilsonville church on Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1899.

That Brother C. S. Johnson preach the Introductory Sermon; alternate, R. A. Kidd.

That Brother T. K. Trotter preach the Missionary Sermon; alternate, T. M. Callaway. Respectfully submitted,

W. T. SMITH,
S. C. BEAVERS,
P. S. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

A. A. Hutto moved to amend by substituting Alpine for Wilsonville as place of meeting.

D. F. Funderburg moved to amend the amendment by

inserting Coosa Valley. The amendment to the amendment was rejected.

The amendment to substitute Alpine for Wilsonville was then adopted.

The report as amended was adopted.

Adjourned to 8:30 A. M. Friday, September 16, 1898.
Prayer by T. K. Trotter.

FRIDAY, September 16, 8:30 A. M., 1898.

Association called to order by Moderator. Devotional exercises conducted by A. A. Hutto. Prayer by J. E. Barnard.

The following resolution was adopted :

RESOLVED, That we continue our same Sunday School Board, and that the president of that Board be made chairman of the report on Sunday Schools. T. M. CALLAWAY.

The following resolution was adopted :

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Association, that the pastor of each church organize at once a Discipline Committee whose duty it shall be to take in hand the temperance question and report to conference meetings of the church all members who frequent barrooms and are guilty of drunkenness.

RESOLVED 2D, That each church in this Association be requested to enforce rigid discipline in regard to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
P. S. WILLIAMS.

Eli Horn made motion to reconsider the vote by which the place of meeting was fixed at Alpine. Motion adopted.

The original report was then adopted unanimously.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported :

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The subject of Ministerial Education is one of growing interest. Every year shows a larger number of churches contributing to the cause and a larger number of young men seeking an education. Last year there were 31 ministerial students in "our own Howard College." Some of these paid their entire expenses by having church work; others paid part of their expenses; while still others depended entirely on the denomination to meet their board bills. A debt of \$699.70 was hanging over the Board of Ministerial Education at the close of the session in June, a part of which has not yet been paid. The Seminary at Louisville, Ky., last year had 301 students for the ministry. Of this number 15 were from Alabama. In these two schools we had 46 young men preparing for their God-called

work. The work of the ministerial students in Howard College is equal or superior to that of the other students, and in addition to their regular college work, they preached during the past session about 800 sermons. Some of them did no preaching, while others preached regularly twice each week. The Alabama boys in the Seminary distinguished themselves for good work in the class room, and they did much preaching also.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of Howard College it was agreed not to accept in the future any ministerial students into the College until safe and satisfactory arrangements have been made to meet their expenses. This is a safe and practical move, and if faithfully adhered to will prevent a debt, as now exists. This action of the Board makes it necessary that each association take pledges for Ministerial Education to go to the Board for general distribution or for some particular student, and the names of all making such pledges, together with the respective amounts pledged should be sent to the Treasurer of said Board, who may in case of neglect remind the brethren of their pledges.

We should not forget our Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. It is doing a grand work in spite of the friction on the Whitsitt question. Now, since Dr. W. H. Whitsitt has resigned, we hope to have no further strife. We can not be too careful in recommending young men to the Howard or Seminary. Many mistakes have been made, and these institutions charged with them, but upon the churches, especially, and the associations, rest the responsibilities of the mistakes. The church, more than any other body, should know the character of a young man and his aptness and fitness for the work of the ministry. We, as a denomination, believe in a God-called, consecrated and blameless ministry. These characteristics are essential to the work, and whoever is lacking in any of these is unworthy the confidence and support of the denomination.

Just what training is necessary and just what is to be considered a call of God is one of those important things to which we ought to give attention. It is said of Mr. Spurgeon that he certainly required on the part of his students for the Pastors' College that they should have sincere piety and should feel beyond contradiction that they must preach the gospel. We believe that men should be required to show their ability to preach before they are accepted in our schools as students for the ministry. It is our conviction that young men studying for the ministry should attend high schools and prepare to enter the sophomore class in Howard College before entering the College. Almost any high school will give such young men their tuition, and board is much cheaper at such places than can be afforded at the College. There is a sad lack in the ministry that could be supplied by furnishing our brethren who have not had school advantages with a few up-to-date books. A book fund for this purpose would, in our judgement, be a noble enterprise. Many of our brethren are taking advantage of the Institute Work and Correspondence Course conducted by Dr. G. S. Anderson. Our preachers are our leaders, and when we help them we help the denomination. This is a day of rapid strides in knowledge, and the messenger of the Lord should keep pace with the age. We would encourage all who are God-called to preach the Gospel, yet would encourage them to equip themselves as best they can for the noblest work God has given man. We feel that we are marching to the drum beat of time, and believe there is a bright future for us. Let us rally to ou-

institutions of learning and to the men who are seeking knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,
A. A. HUTTO.

Committee on Denominational Education reported :

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

Education of the head and education of the heart are closely related. The school and the church go hand in hand. We are glad to report that our people are beginning to realize this to a great extent, hence much attention is now given to Denominational Education. There are now in the United States seven Baptist Theological Seminaries, with 1,061 students and with property valued at \$2,660,873. The Seminary at Louisville, Ky., is the richest of these seven, having assets to the value of \$808,000.

There are also 94 universities and colleges with 22,460 students and with \$20,534,982 assets. Besides these there are 77 academies with 10,059 students and \$4,191,917 assets. These figures are from the Baptist Year Book for 1898.

Every Baptist in Alabama should rally to the support of our two noble Baptist institutions—Howard College and Judson Institute.

It is the duty of the State to see that she has good, intelligent citizens. It is our duty as a Baptist denomination to see that we have good, intelligent members. Respectfully submitted,

S. B. ELLIOTT.

Discussed by A. A. Hutto, E. D. Acker, W. B. Carter, T. M. Callaway, J. E. Barnard and adopted.

The following pledges were given for Ministerial Education :

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION PLEDGES.

Refuge	\$ 2.50	Lincoln	\$ 5.00
Providence, Tall. Co	2.00	Talladega	25.00
Cartersville	5.00	Alpine	10.00
Winterboro	5.00	Tallasahatchie	2.50
Sycamore	10.00	Mt. Zion	10.00
Fayetteville	5.00	Childersburg	5.00
Wilsonville	5.00	Spring Creek	2.50
Coosa Valley	2.50	Cropwell	5.00
Riverside	2.50	Salem	2.50

Committee on Pro Rating reported :

REPORT OF PRO RATING COMMITTEE.

Antioch	\$ 25.00	Brought forward	\$ 175.00
Blue Eye	30.00	Childersburg	40.00
Cropwell	35.00	Fayetteville	50.00
Harpersville	50.00	Ironaton	10.00
Mt. Ida	10.00	Mt. Sharan	25.00
Munford	25.00	Oak Grove	10.00
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	\$ 175.00		\$ 310.00

	Forward	\$ 310.00		Forward	\$ 940.00
Pleasant Grove	40.00		Alpine	65.00	
Cartersville	10.00		Coosa Valley	50.00	
Dry Valley	15.00		Hepzibah	40.00	
Lincoln	50.00		Mt. Zion	55.00	
Macedonia	20.00		New Hope	10.00	
Providence, Tall. Co.	15.00		Providence, Sh'lby Co	10.00	
Rockey Mount	10.00		Refuge	35.00	
Sycamore	75.00		Spring Creek	50.00	
Talladega	350.00		Wilsonville	75.00	
Riverside	15.00		Salem	30.00	
Seddon	25.00		Tallasahatchie	25.00	
Pilgrim's Rest	5.00		Winterboro	45.00	
Carried forward	\$ 940.00		Total	\$1,430.00	

G. S. HAM,
E. HORN,
F. D. FUNDERBURG,
Committee.

Committee on Woman's Work reported:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

This report in its official relation embraces the work and contributions of the woman's societies in our churches. In this view, we regret that we have no statistics for the work of the past year, but approximating the contributions on the basis of last year and the annual average increase for the years preceding in the history of the societies, we estimate their contributions at \$35,000 for the current year within the bounds of The Southern Baptist Convention. Estimating the average salary of a woman engaged in the missionary work at \$350 per year, the women are supporting 100 missionaries in the various fields. This is a magnificent showing for them, and is a monument to their fidelity and Christian consecration in contributing to the elevation and disenchantment of their sex in heathen lands where woman's position is but little removed from that of the slave.

Your committee commends this work to our people, with the hope that every church in this body will organize a society and contribute something, however small, as an earnest of woman's love for the work, and that she may have a distinctive memorial to inspire the brethren to do better and more liberal things for the Master's cause.

There is yet another branch of woman's work which we would not fail to commend. They do much in their local churches in repairing, furnishing and beautifying their houses of worship; above all, they are abundant in deeds of charity and labors of love. They clothe the naked, feed the hungry, visit the sick and make glad the hearts of the sorrowing.

We believe that our churches are losing much and are suppressing great spiritual power in that they do not encourage our women in their work, and inspire them to do more, rather, as in some instances, in failing to give them the opportunity and privilege to do anything at all.

What she did for the Nazarene nineteen centuries ago is told as a memorial of her until this day, and what she now does in the spirit

of the Cross, contributes most to the betterment of man and the spread of the gospel of purity, peace and love.

It is hers to bear the most of the crosses here, and it will be hers to wear most of the crowns up yonder.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Discussed by J. B. Graham, and adopted.

Board of Trustees of Indigent Minister's Fund reported through J. A. Powe, Treasurer:

REPORT OF TREASURER INDIGENT MINISTER'S FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1897.			
Sept. 15.	To balance on hand	\$ 673.47	
17.	To Jas. Embry, interest on note	8.00	
18.	To W. T. Billue, interest on note	24.00	
Oct. 5.	To S. P. Burns, interest on his note	40.00	
12.	To Mrs. A. E. McAfee, interest on note	67.48	
18.	To F. G. Mullen, interest on note	24.00	
26.	To D. S. Riggins, interest on note	20.00	
30.	To Jno. B. Mynatt, interest on note	12.00	
Dec. 4.	To D. S. Riggins, payment on note	65.00	
1898.			
Aug. 23.	To Talladega Baptist Church, interest on note	196.60	
			\$1,130.55

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.			
Sept. 15.	By recording mortg. of D. S. Riggins, . . .	\$ 1.25	
Sept. 15.	By recording mortgage W. T. Billue . . .	1.10	
27.	By J. R. Steely, donation	25.00	
28.	By Jno. C. Williams, on his note	300.00	
Dec. 17.	By J. T. Parker, donation	10.00	
30.	By G. F. Blair, on his note	375.00	
1898.			
Jan. 27.	By J. R. Steely, donation	25.00	
Feb'y 5.	By J. T. Parker, donation	15.10	
May 14.	By J. T. Parker, donation	10.00	
14.	By J. R. Steely, donation	25.00	
Aug. 23.	By J. R. Steely, donation	10.00	
	By balance cash on hand	318.10	
			\$1,130.55

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF RESOURCES OF INDIGENT MINISTER'S FUND THIS DATE.

Note of Jno. B. Mynatt and interest	\$ 162.00
Note of D. S. Riggins and interest	143.00
Note of James Embry and interest	121.35
Note of Estate of N. S. McAfee and interest	979.30
Note of Talladega Baptist Church and interest	1,250.00
Note of E. M. Miller and interest	370.88
	\$3,026.53

Forward	\$3,026.53
Note of F. G. Mullen and interest	324.00
Note of W. T. Billue and interest	324.00
Note of S. P. Burns and interest	200.00
Note of Jno. C. Williams and interest	324.00
Note of G. F. Blair and interest	405.00
Balance cash on hand	<u>318.10</u>
	\$4,921.63

J. A. POWE, Treasurer I. M. F.

September 13, 1898:

Report adopted.

Executive Committee, through G. A. Joiner, Chairman, reported:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

G. A. JOINER, CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

DR.

^{1897.}		
Sept. 17.	To amount on hand last report	\$10.74
Nov. 8.	To amount received from J. F. Pope, Treasurer, (Jenkins Fund)	21.84
^{1898.}		
Sept. 14.	To amount received from S. W. Welch, (Jenkins Fund)	21.84—\$54.42

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By amount paid Jno. C. Williams	\$14.05
By amount paid for other purposes	1.10— 15.15
	<u>\$39.27</u>

Report adopted.

The Executive Committee, as heretofore constituted was re-elected; also, same Board of Trustees of Indigent Minister's Fund.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That any member of this Association who may attend the sittings of sister Associations, be authorized to represent this body as a correspondent.

Elected Messengers to the Alabama Baptist State Convention: C. S. Johnson, F. G. Mullen, J. M. Solley, J. B. Graham, J. F. Davis, T. K. Trotter, T. M. Callaway, A. E. Burns, R. A. Kidd and D. B. Oden.

J. B. Graham elected delegate to Southern Baptist Convention; A. A. Hutto, alternate.

Committee on Finance reported :

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, 1898.

CHURCH.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational.	Ministerial Education.	Orphans' Memo.	Minutes.	Total.
Antioch							\$ 1 50	\$ 1 50
Alpine							1 50	1 50
Blue Eye	\$ 2 80							
Cartersville	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00					1 50	4 50
Coosa Valley	66						1 00	11 00
Cropwell	\$ 2 75	\$ 2 50					2 00	2 91
Childersburg	1 70						1 50	3 20
Dry Valley							1 00	1 00
Fayetteville	5 00		2 00		\$ 5 00		1 00	13 00
Hepzibah					\$ 1 70		1 50	3 20
Harpersville	10 00	2 00		\$ 1 70	5 00		1 50	20 20
Ironaton	30	30	30				1 00	1 45
Lincoln	4 75	3 50	3 50				1 00	12 75
Macedonia	3 00	1 14	3 00				1 00	7 14
Mt. Ida	55	1 00					1 50	3 05
Mt. Sharon								
Mt. Zion								
Munford							1 50	1 50
New Hope		3 20					1 00	4 20
Oak Grove	50	50	50			50	1 00	3 00
Pilgrims Rest							1 00	1 00
Providence (Tal.)			6 00				1 50	6 50
Pleasant Grove		2 92					1 00	6 42
Providence (Shelby)						2 50		
Refuge		7 50						
Riverside	1 00	1 00	1 00				1 25	8 75
Rocky Mount							1 00	4 00
Renfroe							1 10	1 85
Sycamore		2 89		1 00			2 50	5 38
Spring Creek	1 10	5 00	5 00				2 00	5 00
Seddon		2 50	1 50				1 50	12 00
Salem		1 50	1 00				1 00	5 00
Talladega						50	1 00	3 50
Tallassahatchie							4 00	4 00
*Wilsonville	5 00	5 00	5 00				10 00	11 00
Winterboro							53	17 53
Public Collection	5 40	5 40	5 43				1 50	1 50
	\$ 37 96	\$ 50 90	\$ 31 72	\$ 2 70	\$ 10 00	\$ 16 83	\$ 42 05	\$ 206 16

*G. S. Anderson Institute, \$15.00.

Turned over to W. T. SMITH, Treasurer pro tem.

S. P. BURNS,
P. D. WORKMAN,
W. J. WILDER,
Committee,

The Treasurer of the Association reported :

REPORT OF TREASURER.

DR.

1897.

Sept. 19. To cash of Finance Committee	\$312.86
Nov. 8. To cash, interest on Jenkins fund	21.84
	\$334.70

C.R.

Oct. 8.	By cash paid State Missions	\$ 67.90
	By cash paid Home Missions	76.05
	By cash paid Foreign Missions	88.11
	By cash paid Ministerial Education	14.50
	By cash paid Orphanage.	16.25
	By cash paid for minutes, etc.	50.05
Nov. 8.	By cash paid G. A. Joiner, interest on Jenkins fund	21 84
		\$334.70

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. Pope, Treasurer.

Wilsonville, Ala., Sept. 12, 1898.

The following resolution was adopted :

RESOLVED, That \$30.00, or as much as may be needed, be appropriated from the funds in the hands of the Executive Committee as a supplement to the minute fund, that the Clerk be allowed \$20.00 for his services, and instructed to have 750 copies of the minutes printed and distributed by mail among churches according to their respective contributions.

Standing Committees announced by the Moderator :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

STATE MISSIONS—T. M. Callaway, J. M. Solley and R. M. Borum.

HOME MISSIONS—A. E. Burns, Jno. L. Law and A. J. Worthy.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Lealis Law, J. D. Truss and J. T. Blair.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—G. A. Joiner, F. Moss and Jno. G. Dobbins.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION—E. D. Acker, Jno. R. Dewberry and Geo. C. Wright.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD—J. H. Hayden, A. A. Hutto, J. D. Davis,

Eli Horn, Jno. C. Williams, S. P. Burns and Geo. S. Ham.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE—C. S. Johnson, J. H. McDonald and S. B. Elliott.

TEMPERANCE—S. W. Welch, P. B. Workman and J. A. Woodward.

ORPHANAGE—W. T. Smith, J. M. Hancock and L. M. Madden.

WOMAN'S WORK—J. L. Wilkes, S. C. Beavers and J. A. Collins.

PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE—Philander Morgan, F. G. Mullen and E. A. Aderholdt.

EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE—R. A. Kidd, Leopold Merkle and J. F. McGraw.

T. M. Callaway offered the following resolution :

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, That we extend our sincere thanks to the membership of Blue Eye Church, the citizens of this community, and especially to the Committee on Hospitality, for the generous and cordial hospitality enjoyed by the messengers of the Coosa River Association during its sixty-fifth session.

T. M. CALLAWAY.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

There being no other business to come before this body, after appropriate remarks by the Moderator, with parting hand, and prayer by W. B. Carter, the sixty-fifth annual session of the Coosa River Baptist Association was declared adjourned, sine die.

J. B. GRAHAM, MODERATOR.

G. A. JOINER, CLERK.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION

MISSIONS			EDUCATION		
Foreign	Associational	Bible and Colportage	Ministerial	Institute Work	O
Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash
5 03	\$ 21 84		\$ 14 00		
2 50				\$ 1 25	
3 00					
10 00				1 25	
2 00			5 00		
5 45	1 70		5 00		
3 0					
3 50					
3 00					
				16 00	
50					
		1 00			
1 00					
7 89	1 00	5 00	17 15	75 00	
5 00					
2 75			2 25		
103 97					
46 32			46 50	22 50	
5 97			5 53		
5 42					
213 60	\$ 24 54	\$ 6 00	\$ 103 18	\$ 116 00	\$

Ladies Societies of the church contributed \$292.95.

STATISTICS OF COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION. 1895.

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported	INCREASE BY			DECREASE BY			SUNDAY SCHOOL			SUPT. NAME AND P. O.	Preaching Sabbaths	Reports Prayer Meetings	Reports Revival	
						Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death	Present Membership	Officers and Teachers	Pupils				
Antioch	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	W. W. Wilkerson	Oxford	100	10	2	.	4	.	.	1	107	6	55	J. A. Wright, Kentuck	1	Yes	.
Alpine	Talladega	A. A. Hutto	W. R. Thompson	Alpine	102	2	7	.	7	.	.	2	101	4	45	W. H. Allen, Alpine	4	.	.
Blue Eye	Talladega	J. M. Solley	J. H. Beavers	Lincoln	100	4	3	.	3	.	.	3	101	7	45	W. L. Jones, Lincoln	3	.	.
Cantonville	Talladega	W. M. McCain	John Davis	Kymulga	86	.	1	.	26	.	.	.	61
Coosa Valley	St. Clair	B. B. Nunnelley	C. Walker	Edenville	173	16	14	.	2	1	.	1	199	7	40	J. A. Walker, Easonville	1	Yes	.
Crownell	St. Clair	A. A. Hutto	Lealis Law	Cropwell	83	8	8	.	6	1	.	1	31	4	35	Edulis Law, Cropwell	2	Yes	.
Childersburg	Talladega	W. B. Carter	M. J. Clegg	Childersburg	88	2	8	.	4	1	.	2	89	7	58	F. Moss, Childersburg	3	.	.
Dry Valley	Talladega	J. W. Haynes	G. W. Clements	Lincoln	23	6	1	3	1	1	.	2	83	6	35	J. W. McCain, Lincoln	2	Yes	.
Fayetteville	Talladega	E. E. Watters	Fayetteville	Pine View	148	6	5	.	6	1	.	2	65	7	58	J. T. Kent, Fayetteville	1	.	.
Hefibah	Talladega	C. S. Johnson	S. H. Hallman	Harpersville	135	10	9	1	13	.	.	5	137	7	80	E. V. Caldwell, Harpersville	3	Yes	.
Hawenville	Talladega	A. E. Burns	R. B. Posey	Ironton	84	6	4	.	2	2	.	2	24	2	24	E. D. Ackers, Lincoln	4	.	.
Ironton	Talladega	S. A. Austin	D. W. Shadix	Lincoln	95	6	23	5	9	.	.	1	114	8	70	J. A. Jennings, Berneys	3	Yes	.
Lincoln	Talladega	P. M. Jones	E. D. Acker	Kelleys Creek	77	4	5	.	7	2	.	3	74
Macdonia	St. Clair	W. P. Lovell	T. M. Clinkscales	Berneys	56	9	8	1	4	1	.	.	89
Mt. Ida	Talladega	J. A. Butts	J. A. Jennings	Sylacauga	93	98
Mt. Sharon	Talladega	C. S. Johnson	H. G. Darby	Silver Run	21	3	10	.	3	.	.	1	130	10	85	W. O. Peace, Sylacauga	4	.	.
Mt. Zion	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	B. W. Mattison	Childersburg	64	4	1	.	3	.	.	66	.	.	.	.	.	.
Muford	Talladega	S. J. Sauls	A. J. Worthy	37	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	46	.	.	.	.	.	.
New Hope	Talladega	C. J. Wesley	Floyd Smalley	Rendalia	34	6	2	.	.	.	.	37	.	.	.	.	.	.
Oak Grove	Talladega	J. M. Solley	D. S. Riggins	Talladega	57	5	6	.	5	1	1	61	4	35	I. A. Adams, Talladega	3	.	.	
Pilgrim Rest	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	T. E. Ogletree	Eureka	93	7	4	1	5	.	.	100	8	47	S. C. Beavers, Eureka	2	.	.	
Providence	Talladega	Shelby	Lincoln	Lincoln	72	.	6	.	7	.	.	72	.	.	.	.	.	.
Reed's	Talladega	W. M. Hall	J. A. Poe	Riverside	12	.	6	.	7	.	.	119	8	45	A. H. Griffin, Bruner	1	Yes	.	
Riverville	St. Clair	T. K. Trotter	C. T. Caldwell	Sycamore	48	2	2	.	3	4	2	43	7	50	C. T. Caldwell, Riverside	1	Yes	.	
Rocky Mount	Talladega	C. J. Wesley	J. D. Hammons	Sycamore	55	3	.	.	1	1	1	55	6	36	J. D. Blair, Bledsoe	2	.	.	
Roseve	Talladega	J. G. Lowrey	P. G. Trent	Sycamore	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	45	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sycamore	Talladega	R. A. Kidd	D. C. Davis	Vincent	10	11	12	.	3	1	.	129	8	107	J. G. Goodwin, Sycamore	2	Yes	.	
Spring Creek	St. Clair	W. A. McCain	T. J. Smith	Seddon	80	.	9	2	7	.	.	82	8	56	C. H. Florry, Vincent	2	.	.	
Sedge	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	T. W. Ogletree	Eastaboga	62	11	4	.	6	.	.	69	7	50	J. D. Truss, Seddon	1	Yes	.	
Salem	Talladega	T. M. Callaway	C. W. Springer	Talladega	80	3	4	.	21	.	.	65	7	50	H. R. Donaldson, Eastaboga	3	Yes	.	
Talladega	Talladega	A. A. Hutto	G. W. Gardner	Childersburg	311	3	24	15	1	.	.	320	17	169	J. W. Bishop, Talladega	Every	Yes	.	
Tallasatchie	Talladega	A. E. Burns	W. J. Weldon	Wilsonville	68	1	2	.	2	.	.	68	6	46	G. W. Gardner, Childersburg	1	.	.	
Wilsonville	Shelby	Ira W. Rhodis	Alpine	Wilsonville	107	5	12	.	4	1	1	118	4	45	J. F. Pope, Wilsonville	2-4	Yes	.	
Winterboro	Talladega	A. A. Hutto . . . . .	.	.	102	.	.	.	4	.	2	96	6	35	J. S. Morris, Alpine	3	.	.

*No letter. Membership estimated.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1898.

CHURCH	MISSIONS						EDUCATION		Orphans' Home	Minutes	HOME EXPENSES			Total	Value of Property
	State	Home	Foreign	Associational	Bible and Colportage	Ministerial	Institute Work	Pastor's Salary			Repairs and New Buildings	Poor, Fuel, Sunday Schools, Etc.			
		Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher							
Antioch															
Alpine		\$ 6 36	\$ 5 03	\$ 21 84				\$ 14 00				\$ 19 76	\$ 20 26	\$ 1000 00	
Blue Eye												\$ 200 00	\$ 63 00	\$ 396 33	2000 00
Cartersville	5 00	5 00													500 00
Coosa Valley	66	2 75	2 50												500 00
Cropwell	3 20	1 71	3 00												500 00
Childersburg	5 00		10 00												1000 00
Dry Valley															2000 00
Fayetteville	5 00		2 00												2000 00
Hepzibah															500 00
Harperville	20 00	2 00	5 45	1 70											22 25
Ironaton	30	30	30												300 00
Lincoln	24 52	3 50	3 50												500 00
Macedonia	2 00	1 14	3 00												800 00
Mt. Ida	55	1 00													500 00
Mt. Sharon															500 00
Munford															4 20
Mt. Zion															1000 00
New Hope	50	50	50												2500 00
Oak Grove															300 00
Pilgrims Rest															300 00
Providence, Tall. Co.	6 00														100 00
Pleasant Grove	2 92														500 00
Providence, Shelby															300 00
Riverside	1 00	1 00	1 00												1 25
Refuge															300 00
Rocky Mount															300 00
Sycamore	8 37	12 60	7 89	1 00		5 00	17 15	75 00	1 10	2 00	200 00	41 20	72 65	475 21	1500 00
Spring Creek	7 00	5 00	5 00						2 50	1 50					500 00
Seddon	2 50	1 50							5 42	1 00					500 00
Salem	1 50	1 00							5 50	1 00					500 00
Tallasatchie	2 07								10 00	1 00	125 00		4 00	147 07	500 00
Talladega	103 98	103 98	103 97						19 51	4 00	1000 00	37 51	404 10	\$1775 05	15000 00
Wilsonville	74 54	10 00	46 32						45 43	2 00	500 00		38 02	785 34	600 00
Winterboro	2 95	2 13	5 97						2 35	1 50	150 00			170 43	500 00
Collections at Ass'n	5 40	5 40	5 12												
	\$ 286 00	\$ 170 07	\$ 213 60	\$ 24 54	\$ 6 00	\$ 103 18		\$ 116 00	\$ 173 78	\$ 42 05	\$3456 16	\$1150 86	\$ 809 60	\$ 6590 65	\$ 41475 00

* By Woman's Society, \$66.00. § Of this amount Ladies Societies of the church contributed \$292.95.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

G. A. JOINER, Chairman,
S. D. KYSER,
S. W. WELCH,

G. S. HAM.

JNO. W. BISHOP,
J. H. HAYDEN,
M. H. HANSARD,

TRUSTEES OF INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND.

JNO. W. BISHOP, Chairman,
C. W. SWINGER,
E. H. OGLETREE.

G. A. JOINER,
J. A. POWE,

FINANCIAL DIRECTORY.

Contributions to the several enterprises and departments of work forwarded by the Coosa River Association should be sent as follows:

- For Indigent Ministers' Fund, to J. A. Powe, Talladega, Ala.
- For Howard College, to F. M. Roof, East Lake, Ala.
- For Judson Institute, to G. A. Joiner, Talladega, Ala.
- For Ministerial Education, to C. C. Jones, East Lake, Ala.
- For Alabama Baptist, to John G. Harris, Montgomery, Ala.
- For Bible and Colportage Work, State, Home and Foreign Missions, and other purposes not named above, to W. C. Bledsoe, Montgomery, Ala.
- For Orphans' Home, to Jno. W. Stewart, Evergreen, Ala.